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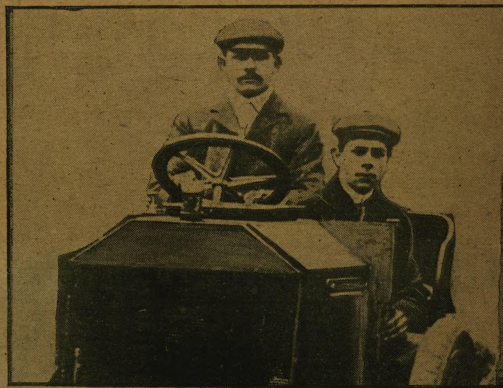
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## POLICE PRESENTATION TO A PLUCKY WOMAN.



The police of the H division have presented Miss A. Gormley, a young woman of Bethnal Green, with a clock and ornaments, for her plucky assistance to one of their number when assaulted in a crowd. They gave her a gold-mounted umbrella on a previous occasion for the same reason.

## ACCIDENT AT GORDON-BENNETT TRIAL YESTERDAY.



Mr. Clifford Earp, who is driving for the Napier Co. in the Gordon-Bennett trials, ran into a wall yesterday at racing speed. His brother, who was on the car, was seriously hurt, and Mr. Earp and a spectator, slightly.

## £400 FOR BEAUTY.



Miss Camilla Clifford, who is playing in "The Prince of Pilsen," won a £400 beauty prize in New York. See page 9.

## OVER £1,250,000 IN GOLD IN THESE BOXES.



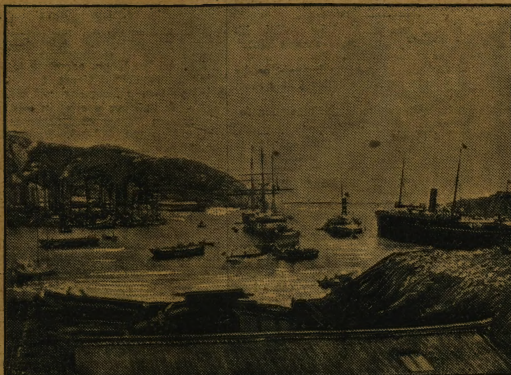
The first instalment of the purchase price of the Panama Canal, bought by the United States from France. It amounts to 8½ million dollars (over a million and a quarter pounds sterling). The full price payable is £3,000,000.

## JAPANESE ARMY DOCTORS.



Japanese doctors attending to the wounded on the field. — (Stereograph copyright by Underwood and Underwood.)

## PORT ARTHUR HARBOUR BLOCKED.



This photograph shows the narrow entrance to the harbour at Port Arthur which the Japanese have blocked by sinking ships in the channel, so confining the Russians in the inner harbour.

## A NEW ENGAGEMENT.



Lady Hermione Grimeton, whose engagement to Mr. Buxton is just announced.—(Photograph by Alice Hughes)



## PORT ARTHUR CUT OFF.

Japanese Deny That the Railway Is Still Open.

## ST. PETERSBURG PUZZLED

By the Movements of the Various Japanese Armies.

Admiral Alexieff's announcement that railway communication with Port Arthur has been restored is officially denied at Tokio. Port Arthur is, therefore, presumably isolated.

There is no confirmation of yesterday's report that three Japanese transports had been sunk; nor has any more been heard of the defeat said to have been suffered by the Russians at Motienling.

The Japanese movements are a puzzle to St. Petersburg. Their general object seems to be directed to hemming in the Russians at Liao-yang, but it is difficult to understand exactly what they are doing.

The suggestion that the Tsar wishes to abdicate is characterised by our St. Petersburg correspondent as an absurd invention.

## PORT ARTHUR LINE.

Japanese Officially Deny That the Railway Is Open.

The following telegram was received yesterday: Tokyo, Thursday.

Admiral Alexieff's report to the Tsar that railway communication with Port Arthur has been restored since Monday last is officially contradicted here.—Reuter.

## ANOTHER GREAT LANDING.

St. Petersburg, Thursday.

Thirty transports, with a Japanese division on board, are lying off Port Adams.—Reuter's Special Service.

Port Adams is on the west side of the Liao-yang peninsula, near the railway.

## NEW JAPANESE MOVE.

St. Petersburg, Thursday.

A dispatch from Mukden of yesterday's date says:—

"According to information to hand, a Japanese division from Feng-wang-cheng is advancing along the road to Hai-cheng. Another detachment is marching to Samaki."

"A small force has likewise been seen to the south-west of Feng-wang-cheng. The Japanese are also crossing the lower course of the Da-jan-che River."

"Exact details are lacking regarding the number of Japanese landed at Pitsewo. The bay of Si-chao is in our hands."—Reuter.

Hai-cheng is on the Manchurian railway, a few miles north of Newchwang, and lies about seventy miles from Feng-wang-cheng.

Samaki is about forty miles due north of Feng-wang-cheng, east of Motienling, which is about twenty miles south of Liao-yang.

It is reported from Newchwang that Japanese troops are marching from Feng-wang-cheng towards Hsu-yen (? Siu-yen) which confirms the St. Petersburg message of Japanese having been seen south-west of Feng-wang-cheng.

Siu-yen is about forty miles from Feng-wang-cheng, and about fifteen miles from Takushan, in the north of Korea Bay.

These troops are apparently moving in the direction of the Liao-tung Peninsula.

A St. Petersburg message says that this force crossed the Payang River on the 7th inst., and should by this be operating in the Liao-tung Peninsula.

## FIRING NEAR NEWCHWANG.

At Shan-hai-kwan, which lies opposite Newchwang, across the Gulf of Liao-tung, Reuter says that rumours are current of firing going on south of Newchwang.

## SOWN WITH MINES.

Earl Percy has privately informed Sir C. Palmer that it is out of the question to send a British gunboat to Newchwang, because the mouth of the Liao River has been sown with mines by the Russians.

## TWELVE HOURS' FIGHT.

The fight at Anju lasted twelve hours, when the Russians were driven off with fifty casualties. The Japanese had four killed and six wounded.

From Seoul a Reuter message sent yesterday states that the Cossacks who attacked Anju were part of a flying column under General Mandaroff, consisting of 600 Transbaikals and 100 Ussuri Cossacks. This column started from Liao-yang and covered 25 miles a day.

Prisoners captured by the Japanese state that the column had only twelve days' provisions with it, and that half of the men refused to fight.

## RUSSIAN ALLEGATIONS DENIED.

The Japanese Legation in London yesterday issued a statement denying that the Japanese troops fired upon a Port Arthur train flying a Red Cross flag on the 6th inst.

There were no special marks when the train was sighted, but Russian soldiers in the train immediately fired upon the Japanese, and the latter responded. The train halted and hoisted a Red Cross flag, and before the Japanese could examine the fact, the train resumed running at full speed and escaped.

## TSAR STEADFAST.

No Truth in the Rumours That He Intends to Abdicate.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Thursday.

A statement published by an English newspaper to the effect that the Tsar is anxious to abdicate has been telegraphed here privately. Of course, it would not be allowed to appear in a Russian paper.

In case anyone may have been foolish enough to believe this report, I hasten to declare it utterly false. A very high official said to me only on Sunday: "The Tsar has a higher sense of duty than any man I ever knew." This authority, who is in constant touch with his Majesty, told me also that Nicholas, although he is anxious and sometimes depressed, firmly believes in the ultimate success of the Russian arms.

Even if the Tsar so far forgot his duty and was so cast down by reverses as to hint at a possibility of abdication, the Empress would soon restore his mind to its proper balance. She is a woman of character and determination, and has more influence over her husband than is generally supposed, even in this country.

Only death will remove Russia's ruler from his throne.

## PUZZLED RUSSIA.

Speculations at St. Petersburg on the Japanese Plans.

Reuter sends a message from St. Petersburg, stating that on the 8th inst. the Japanese forces moved from Feng-wang-cheng towards Hai-cheng, and in the opinion of the Russian general staff they should reach their destination within two days.

General Kuropatkin's activity in sending troops to the Liao-tung Peninsula and also to Hai-cheng is recognised, and it is known that he has sent a division with forty guns in the direction of Samaki; but as Russian scouts have failed to find any trace of this division the Russian authorities are puzzled to know where the Japanese reported to have occupied Kuantsin on the 5th inst. came from. The message adds:—

"The authorities contemplate, with considerable philosophy, the division of General Kuropatkin's army into three separate commands, for they expect that General Kuropatkin will promptly take advantage of the numerical inferiority of the enemy."

## POLITE ENEMIES.

Japanese and Russian Ambassadors at Close Quarters.

An amusing incident occurred yesterday afternoon when the Russian and Japanese Ministers accidentally met face to face on the steps of the Foreign Office.

Count Benckendorff had just driven up to the quadrangle entrance and entered the Foreign Office when Viscount Hayashi followed him unknowingly to the same entrance in a cab.

Learning immediately he entered that Lord Lansdowne was not in the Foreign Office, the Russian Ambassador turned to regain his carriage, and had just reopened the door when he was confronted with the Japanese Minister, who had just stepped from the house.

It is said there was, it did not last long, and was not perceptible. The Viscount raised his hat. The Count, with his hand still on the door, raised his, and the Viscount entered. The Count held the door open for the Viscount to enter. Neither spoke.

## GRANDFATHER'S WOOING.

Undertaker's Offer of Marriage in a Cemetery.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUBLIN, Thursday.

To-day the Lord Chief Justice heard a singular breach of promise action brought by a widowed grandmother, named Mrs. Meagher, against a man with thirty-two grandchildren, named Cross.

The defendant was an undertaker, and was stated to have taken the plaintiff to the local cemetery at Limerick. He pointed out where the late Mrs. Cross lay buried and her monument erected by him. "In the presence of my wife's remains," he said, "I promise I will marry you, and no woman but you."

He then cooled off, whereupon she wrote: "I am surprised at a holy man like you to treat a respectable woman in this way." Defendant, in excuse, said: "Although Mrs. Meagher says she is only forty-eight or fifty years I know she is seventy, and she dyes her hair black." Neither imputation, indignantly declared counsel, had the least foundation on fact.

The Lord Chief Justice remarked that for an undertaker the defendant seemed to be a man of great vitality.

Mrs. Patrick Kelly, for the defendant, also said that when old men went a-marrying they usually preferred young wives.

The jury awarded the plaintiff £150, which Chief Justice O'Brien characterised as a very good verdict.

## A BANK HOLIDAY ROMANCE.

Miss Rosamund Foster, a cook, who brought an action in Mr. Justice Phillimore's Court yesterday for breach of promise of marriage against a man named Charles O'Brien, first made the latter's acquaintance on Whit Monday, 1901.

She was on her way to the Crystal Palace, and while a friend was planning a buck of her skirt O'Brien came up and asked that he should be allowed to do it. She afterwards partook of refreshments at his expense.

In July, she said, O'Brien asked her to become engaged to him, and afterwards she lived at the O'Brien came up and asked that he should be allowed to do it. She afterwards partook of refreshments at his expense.

The hearing was adjourned.

## MOTOR-CAR DISASTER.

Gordon-Bennett Racer Charges a Stone Wall.

DOUGLAS (Isle of Man), Thursday.

Douglas, with the crowds of people who had gathered to witness the speed tests in connection with the Gordon-Bennett Cup trials, was shocked by a terrible accident which occurred this afternoon.

The speed tests were being held on the promenade, where thousands were assembled to witness them. The cars had to race against time from a standing start over a distance of one kilometre. The tarred macadam road was in splendid condition, and amid loud cheering each car raced twice over the course without a hitch, some splendid times being made. The cars that did best were the two Napier, driven by Mr. S. F. Edge and Mr. C. Earp. Mr. Edge having taken 39sec. to cover the distance at each trial, and Mr. Earp taking 42sec for his first and 42.2-sec. for his second run.

Flushed with success the two champions were bringing their great racing machines back to the starting barrier. They drove side by side at racing speed and were within a few yards of their objective when Earp made some error of judgment, and in the twinkling of an eye his motor was smashed, and he and his brother, who was on the car with him, were frightfully injured, while a spectator was also badly hurt.

## A DESPERATE AOT.

Exactly what caused the accident it is impossible to say. Earp, as he raced up to the barrier seemed to think that he would dash through it into the crowd beyond. To save such a dreadful catastrophe he apparently resolved on an act of desperate bravery.

His motor swerved and dashed into the stone wall that lined the course on the landward side just by the barrier. Earp and his brother were both thrown out with fearful force and sustained terrible injuries. They were picked up and taken to the hospital, where they laid unconscious until late in the evening.

As the car collided with the wall it struck a spectator named Gery, who was standing on the footpath just beyond the barrier, and he was also hurt, though not so seriously.

Latest reports from the hospital say that there are hopes that both the Earps may recover.

The accident has cast a gloom over the whole town, where the greatest interest was being taken in the trials.

## THE INJURED MEN.

"Mr. Clifford Earp is a driver of great experience," said Mr. Cecil Edge to a *Daily Mirror* representative. "He has been with the S. F. Edge Co. from the beginning, and holds the position of chief tester in the Napier works."

Although he had many a time driven and tested high-power cars on the road, this was his first experience of actual racing. He has driven throughout the trials with magnificent nerve and judgment.

"He was not driving one of our cars entered by the S. F. Edge Co., but had been entrusted by Mr. Napier with the special car entered by that gentleman. He is only about twenty-four; quite a young fellow."

His brother, who seems to have been more seriously hurt, was a mechanic, also thoroughly experienced.

## BROWN EGGS AND WHITE.

A Popular Breakfast-table Fallacy Exposed by Lord Onslow.

"Are these eggs new laid?" was asked of a village shopkeeper.

"Oh, yes, sir, but they've been in the shop a long while."

"Then they can't be new laid."

"Yes, indeed, sir. They're not French eggs, I assure you."

This fact—for it is a fact—might have been related by Lord Onslow, the Minister for Agriculture, in his speech yesterday to the National Poultry Organisation Society, for he talked much about foreign competition in the egg line. Fortunately he was able to state positively that British hen-keepers are holding their own, and need not fear the rivalry of French or any other competitors.

## The Wily Foreigner's Way.

The only reason why foreign eggs are preferred to British is that they are generally brown, whereas the home-laid article remains white. "Why," asked Lord Onslow, "should the brown ones be preferred? The contents are exactly the same as those of white ones."

Yet preferred they are, and the astute Continental egg merchant takes advantage of this preference by staining his white eggs with coffee and giving them a beautiful brown hue.

"I believe," Lord Onslow remarked in this connection, "there is nothing in the code of your British law to prevent us from colouring our eggs in any way the customer pleases." His advice, therefore, was: Take a hint from the foreigner, and if people will persist in attributing some extra freshness to brown eggs, brown let your eggs be."

## Is the Colour "Fast"?

A poultryer, who was consulted later in the afternoon by a *Mirror* reporter, said it was quite true that brown eggs were believed to be nicer than white ones.

"Probably because there are not so many of them," he added cynically. "Of course, the colour is a mere accident. I've never bothered about browning my stock, but I think I shall take Lord Onslow's hint. I don't know, though, what happens when the eggs are boiled. Surely the coffee colour comes off."

## IN FIGHTING FORM AGAIN.

Mr. Chamberlain Reopens the Fiscal Campaign at Birmingham.

With the glowing confidence of restored powers and the assurance of success, Mr. Chamberlain submitted the loyalty of his Birmingham followers to a definite test last evening, with results amounting at once to a personal and political triumph.

Just a year had passed since, in his memorable speech to the same body of Liberal Unionists, in the same famous Town Hall, Mr. Chamberlain brought the question of fiscal reform once for all within the horizon of practical politics. Looking back upon the progress of the movement, upon which he then staked a reputation, almost unexampled for political sagacity and foresight, Mr. Chamberlain set himself last night to prove the hold he has taken upon the party which he has created and led.

The annual assembly of the Grand Committee of Birmingham Liberal Unionists presents always a memorable scene. Last night when the sense of the party leaders was taken upon Mr. Chamberlain's policy, admittedly in face of threatened schism, it was doubly so, as his position as leader rendered an expression of confidence in himself and his policy indispensable.

The resolution in which Mr. Middlemore, with the full approval of his chief, challenged any possible free-food case was as follows:—

That the Grand Committee, believing that a system of mutual preference between the United Kingdom and the Colonies will be beneficial to British commerce and industry, and will tend to consolidate the Empire, approves of the project of fiscal reform, which has been laid before the country by Mr. Chamberlain.

In the course of his speech Mr. Chamberlain said the talk that his scheme had been defeated was premature. The question could not be disposed of by the waving of old flags or the clattering of worn-out canisters. It would remain till it was not a question, but a fact.

## ON TO LHASSA.

The British Mission To Go to the Sacred City.

The British mission will proceed to Lhasa.

This announcement was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Brodric, in answer to a question by Mr. Lambert. He said the Government had arrived at the conclusion that unless the Tibetans consented to conduct the negotiations at Gyantse the mission must advance to Lhasa.

The Chinese Amban had been informed that unless a Tibetan negotiator was at Gyantse within the period fixed, the Government of India would take steps to negotiate at Lhasa itself.

A negotiator to be competent would have to be of sufficient rank and power, and appointed by the Tibetan authorities. At present no one had been appointed by the Tibetan authorities.

An attempt was made by the Nationalist members to move the adjournment of the House on the question, but this was refused by the Deputy Speaker.

The matter will probably be brought forward again on the motion for the adjournment of the House over the Whitsuntide holidays.

## MORE CANNONADING.

Meanwhile, the Tibetans continue to molest the mission. Reuter's correspondent at Gyantse sends a telegram, dated Tuesday, in which he says:—

"Yesterday at sundown the Tibetans in the fort opened a persistent fire on the mission camp with a gun carrying a one pound solid cannon-ball. To-day they have six or seven such guns in position, have got this range, and have been steadily firing on us for several hours."

"Another large gathering of Tibetans is reported in the Rong Valley."

## PENNY POST TO AUSTRALIA.

Lord Stanley's Attempt to Bring About Reform.

On the House of Commons going into Committee of Supply yesterday Sir John Batty Tukey moved a reduction of the vote for the salaries and expenses of the Commissioners in Lunacy.

Mr. Brigg urged the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the whole question, and Mr. Gibson Bowles thought a Committee of Inquiry was really called for.

The amendment eventually was rejected by 216 to 129.

The vote for the Post Office Service was next considered.

In the course of his statement Lord Stanley said that the motor-car service employed by the Post Office had not been particularly successful, with the exception of the Milnes-Daimler car running between London and Epping, which was doing most excellent work.

He hoped soon to complete an arrangement by which British postal orders would be payable in the Colonies. The new denominations of postal orders from sixpence to one guinea had met a real public demand. Also the issue of small cases of two shillings' worth of stamps had been successful, and the Government were considering the advisability of issuing books of stamps of larger denomination. Money orders payable in foreign countries are now obtainable up to £40.

One reform he was able to announce was that, with the consent of the Treasury, he had informed the Commonwealth Government of Australia that if they would agree to the introduction of a penny postal service between this country and Australia at some definite date, he, on the part of the British Government, would undertake to institute the service from this side at once.

## MUCH NEWS IN FEW WORDS.

The Archbishop of Canterbury hopes to visit the United States and Canada this year.

At Oakley-street and Westminster Bridge-road corner yesterday a man was knocked down and killed by a market van.

A five-year-old boy of Rust-square, Camberwell, has been drowned while fishing in the Grand Surrey Canal.

I was not swearing, I was only mentioning my own name," said an organ-grinder when charged with profane language at Birmingham. He was discharged.

At an estimated outlay of £3,890, buffer-stops composed of wrought-iron cylinders filled with compressed air are being established at King's Cross Station, the terminus of the Great Northern Railway.

Liverpool City Council have refused to grant the use of a new park for drill purposes by the Liverpool Scottish Volunteers. Alderman F. Smith said nursemaids were apt to make remarks about Scottish Volunteers when in kilts.

## WANTED TO BE COWBOYS.

Two Liverpool boys, one with £6 10s. 6d. and the other with a revolver in his possession, had been detained by the Bangor police pending inquiries. They explained that they were en route to John Buffalo Bill's Show.

## FAMILY OF IDIOTS.

The Holywell Board of Guardians have had before them the case of a man and his wife, both said to be idiots, whose three children are also idiots. The children spent most of their time on the sea-shore; they could not talk properly, but conversed with each other in a jargon of their own.

## £30 FOR LOSS OF AN EYE?

At Stoke John Rathbone, aged thirteen, was awarded a sum of £30 for the loss of an eye against Arthur Edge, baker and confectioner.

Edge was shooting sparrows with an air gun, and accidentally shot the lad. The judge said he did not have awarded much heavier damages had not the defendant been in poor circumstances.

## ALARMING FIRE AT A COLLIERY.

An alarming fire occurred at Barrow Colliery, Worsborough near Barnsley, yesterday. Whilst the drawing of coal was in progress a blaze was observed in the pulley wheel. Sparks fell on the roofs of buildings below, and in a remarkably short time the flame shot up yards high. Fire appliances were soon at work, and the men in the mine, numbering about eight hundred, were withdrawn by the 3.30 shift. The fire was soon got under.

## TRAMWAYS ABOLISH LEICESTER FAIR

After being held for centuries Leicester pleasure fair was to be abolished. A somewhat pathetic letter of what is destined to be the last of a time-honoured institution.

Under royal charters granted in the reigns of Henry III. and Edward I. two fairs were held each year in the centre of the town, but the introduction of electric trams, the abolition of the fair became a necessity. The extinction, however, will cost the ratepayers of Leicester £20,000.

## AVOIDING THE SEWER GAS PERIL.

Sewer gas escaping into the streets through manholes and shafts has for long been a danger to health.

To remedy this the Bradford Borough Council have purchased ten portable machines by means of which the foul air is drawn from the sewers and burnt in a small furnace.

This system of dealing with sewer gas is to be given a trial by the Southwark Borough Council, and the engineers of other metropolitan councils will carefully watch the experiments.

## WHY HE WATERED THE MILK.

When Arthur Handsley, milk dealer, of Kennington, was summoned for selling milk which contained thirty-eight per cent. of added water he in turn summoned one of his milk carriers for committing the act of adulteration.

It was said the carrier made a clean breast of his delinquency to his employer, and he gave as his excuse the fact that certain of his customers had not paid their accounts regularly, and he gave them water in their milk in revenge.

The carrier now denied this, and the magistrate imposed a fine of 20s., with 12s. 6d. costs.

## PEW RENTS THAT ARE FARMED.

At Kirkham Parish Church, the greater portion of the pew rents, instead of swelling the exchequer of the church, goes into the pockets of private individuals, who, for the most part, do not attend the church or even reside in the district. The peculiar situation originated in 1823, when, to meet the expenses of rebuilding the church, about forty pews and a few organ seats were put up for auction, and realised amounts varying from £35 to £180.

The churchwardens are now endeavouring to come to an arrangement with the pew-owners with a view to securing a larger share of the rents for the benefit of the church.

## CASE TRIED IN A PASSAGE.

A case was tried in the passage of the Mansion House Court yesterday.

Joshua Lukeridge of St. Pancras, who was charged with misappropriation of money received by him on behalf of Mrs. Williams, of Balham, was so afflicted with paralysis that he was unable to be brought into court. Accordingly the case was heard in the passage.

It was alleged that the prisoner received sums of money from the prosecutrix, who regularly received the interest, for investment, but not the quarterly repayments of capital.

Subsequently the practice was sold, and prisoner became bankrupt, after which it was discovered that he had received and not accounted for nine quarterly instalments of £25 each.

He was remanded on bail.

At the London Hospital yesterday an infant was found to have lost its life through an orange pip lodging in one of its lungs.

"I am going to my last sleep," wrote a Camberwell bookbinder named Hall, who committed suicide owing to ill-health.

The heavy fog over the Channel during Wednesday night continued during a great part of yesterday. Fog guns and signals were necessary at Dover for the guidance of shipping.

A temporary settlement favourable to the work-girls at Clark's Anchor Thread Works, Paisley, who struck work against the system of working on new machinery on Wednesday, has been arranged.

In spite of the efforts of another patient, who caught him by the arms and held him back for some time, George Knowles threw himself from a window of a hospital in Aberdeen and was killed.

## DISCHARGED TO BE MARRIED.

When Catherine Hollis, a girl, of nineteen, was charged at Westminster Police Court with stealing, she told the magistrate, "the girl is going to be married to a respectable young man, who is in court. The banns have been put up, and the marriage is arranged for the 16th of this month."

The magistrate, addressing defendant, said: "You are very young, and about to enter a new phase of life, so I will allow you to be discharged. I won't convict you of larceny on the eve of your approaching marriage."

## RECORD "CATCH" OF BOOKMAKERS.

As the outcome of a raid on Saturday last, on the occasion of the Kempton Park Jubilee Stakes, thirty-one bookmakers were at Stockton-on-Tees yesterday, fined a total amount, including costs, of £119 7s. for street betting. The whole of the money was at once paid.

## CHILDREN FIND THEIR FATHER DYING.

During his wife's illness Frederick Asplen, a railway shunter, of Blackburn, who suffered from consumption, sent his children for a razor, and then gave them money to go out and play.

When they returned they found him lying in a pool of blood with a terrible gash in his throat, and the razor by his side. He died in the infirmary yesterday as the result of his injuries.

## TOWN COUNCILLOR'S 910 BETS.

Robert Lockey, a member of the South Shields Town Council, was yesterday fined £5 and costs for betting. He admitted having carried on betting transactions in the market-place, and remarked to the Bench, "I am not going to deny it. What's the use of spoiling sport? I took 910 bets altogether."

## INJURED "SHOOTING THE CHUTE."

Alice Wallace, a young lady of twenty-four years of age, was awarded £600 damages by a Dublin special jury for injuries received upon a water chute at the Cork Exhibition.

On the occasion of the accident to the plaintiff it was alleged that there was a great concussion upon reaching the water, which resulted in permanent injuries. When the boat was run, the tide was so low that the water was considerably below the rails of the chute.

## HANDCUFF KING'S LATEST CHALLENGE.

Mr. Houdini, the Handcuff King, whose memorable struggle with the handcuffs produced by the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* must be fresh in the minds of all, has received a strange challenge at Brighton.

A local firm has written asserting that the trunk from which he escapes is specially made, and they offer to rope him and then nail him up in a packing case of their own manufacture in such a way that he cannot escape.

Mr. Houdini has accepted the challenge, and the test will be made at the Brighton Hippodrome to-night.

## BABY HANGED BY ACCIDENT.

When Phyllis Gregory, a baby of two years of age, was admitted to the Halifax Union Hospital there was no child's cot vacant, so she was put in a full-sized bed, and a bandage tied to her night-dress at the head of the bedstead to prevent her falling out.

A few hours later one of the nurses going to the bed was horrified to find the child suspended from the bedstead quite dead. She had fallen out, and by some means been strangled by the bandage that was meant to save her. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

## CLERGYMAN FINED FOR ASSAULT.

The Rev. Alexander O'Connor, Rector of Nether Denton, Cumberland, has been fined 1s. and costs for assaulting a boy named Thomas Bell.

It was stated that Bell had been circulating malicious reports regarding the rector, and it being useless to bring an action for slander, as he could get no damages, Mr. O'Connor met Bell and pushed him, so as to give him an opportunity to bring a charge of assault, which would afford the rector the chance of vindicating his character in court. He admitted calling the boy "a lying scoundrel."

## HOUSEBREAKERS' POLICE DISCOVERY

In the course of the demolition of 24, Arthur-street, West, the housebreakers opened up a remarkable wall. This wall, which is of a depth of 22ft., has walls consisting entirely of chalk blocks, so neatly joined that the divisions are only represented by thin lines. The entire structure, which must be several centuries old, is in an excellent state of preservation.

A chalk well, says the "City Press," is a rarity anywhere—particularly in London; and no surmise has yet been made as to the builder of this special structure.

There is a house to let in Gough-street, Poplar. The bill in the window conveys the information that "no foreigners need apply."

An unknown man was seen to throw himself in front of a London and South-Western train at Surbiton yesterday. He was instantly killed.

A retired locksmith, named Edward Webb, aged seventy-four, of Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, has committed suicide because of a dread of impending poverty.

When running into London Bridge Station from Dartford yesterday morning a train charged the buffers. Several of the passengers received a shaking, and one was injured.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have given their patronage to the great ball that is to be held in the Albert Hall on Thursday, June 9, in aid of the King's College Hospital Removal Fund.

## FOR HITTING THE TICKET-COLLECTOR

When asked for his name and address at East Ham Station, Alfred Smith, a labourer, of East Ham, hit a ticket-collector twice in the face. For this offence at Stratford yesterday he was sent to prison for a month's hard labour.

## SUNK IN THE THAMES.

The steamship Kinsman, of Liverpool, and the steamer Primo, of Newcastle, were in collision yesterday in the Sea Reach below Gravesend. The Kinsman's stem was smashed and her starboard side damaged. The Primo sank, the crew being saved and taken on the Kinsman to Greenwich.

## WHERE JAPS BEAT ENGLISH.

English pottery manufacturers are very nervous about the growing Japanese competition, which they fear they will be unable to cope with. Japanese artists work for 4d. a day. Cups and saucers made by them and sold in England at 2s. 6d. a dozen could not be made in England for less than ten times that amount.

## HATS THAT PREVENT KISSING.

"I suppose such long hairpins are called into being by the fact that some hats are so large," writes Dr. Dabbs in the "London Argus." "I do not war against large hats, as they are hygienic, inasmuch as they prevent so much feminine kissing, always to my mind an insupportable supererogatory habit."

## WHY LONDON'S STREETS ARE UP.

Before the Royal Commission on London Traffic yesterday, Mr. Carpenter, the chief engineer to the South Metropolitan Gas Company, contradicted the prevailing notion that the inconvenience to street traffic, caused by the operations of laying underground pipes, was attributable to gas companies.

The vast disturbances on roads and footways, he said, had been caused by the rapid extension in the last few years of telephones and electricity for lighting and tramways.

## CEMENT AS EXPLOSIVE AGENT.

His Majesty's Inspector of Explosives has inquired into the circumstances attending an explosion of gunpowder at the factory of Messrs. Curtis and Harvey, at Faversham, on February 2 last, when three men were killed and two injured. In the opinion of the inspector the disaster was caused by a small piece of cement from the lining of the wall falling into the ingredients in a mixing machine.

The firm has decided to line the mixing house with sheets of zinc, so as to make a smooth and impervious surface, and thus prevent a repetition of a similar accident.

## KILLED BY A FLY'S BITE.

The East London coroner, when holding an inquest on the body of a woman who was said to have died in the workhouse from the effects of the bite of a fly, said:—

"You don't mean to tell us she was killed by a workhouse fly? Flies in the tropics are a great nuisance, but we haven't had much tropical weather in England up to the present."

A nurse said the deceased woman had a swelling under the left eye, which she said was caused by a fly biting her, and the doctor said he thought that it had caused the woman's death.

## SIR H. M. STANLEY AND THE ABBEY.

It appears that Sir Henry Stanley's wish to be buried in Westminster Abbey near Livingstone's grave will not be fulfilled.

On inquiry at the Deanery yesterday a *Mirror* representative was informed that the Dean had nothing further to add to what he had already stated. He has offered Lady Stanley that the first part of the funeral service should take place in the Abbey, and it is taken for granted that this offer will be accepted.

Arrangements have been made accordingly, and the service will be held on Tuesday, probably in the morning.

## POST OFFICE AND THE TELEPHONE CO.

It is reported that the negotiations for the acquisition by the Post Office of the National Telephone Company's system are in an advanced state, and that no unexpected difficulties arise an agreement is likely to be reached within a month.

Under the terms of the lease granted to the company, the Government has the opportunity of purchasing the undertaking this year, and it has been decided by the Government that the option will be exercised in the event of the company accepting reasonable terms of purchase. Negotiations are said to be proceeding, and it seems probable that the Post Office and the company are likely to come to terms.

The lowest death-rate in England last week was at Smethwick, and the highest at Manchester, the rate per 1,000 being 4 and 23 respectively.

Over 68,000 aliens have landed in England during the last four months, of whom it is understood that over 23,000 will settle in this country.

A third death has occurred as the result of the recent explosion at an oil store near Wolverhampton, a workman named Griffiths being the victim. The firm has written to the Royal Sailors' Home, Portsmouth, promising his portrait to hang on the wall. The Prince of Wales has sent a special donation of ten guineas.

A newsagent, at Lambeth County Court yesterday, ascribed his difficulties to the increase in the number of halfpenny morning papers. He had to sell 120 copies to get 15d. for himself.

Speaking at a dinner given by the New Vagabonds' Club, the Bishop of Ripon said the money which brought him the most gratification was a cheque for two guineas which he had received for a little story he had written in his young days.

## A PICTURE OF THE YEAR.

Among the portraits which are attracting most attention at the Royal Academy is Mr. T. C. Gutch's "Olga," of which we published a photograph on May 3. It should be explained, however, that this photograph did not represent the whole of the portrait. A portion was inadvertently cut off on either side, and to this extent Mr. Gutch's art was misrepresented. Our apologies are due to the artist on this account.

## BLIND BEGGAR'S HUMOUR.

Walking along the Strand, says a correspondent, I noticed a legend on the plate carried by a blind man which showed that those who want to do not always want wit.

The legend contained no appeal to "kind friends," but boldly honouring the dignified diction of the hospitals, it said, "Supported entirely by voluntary contributions."

## CAREFUL CONSTABLE.

"Defendant covered a measured distance of 440 yards in twenty-nine seconds, or at the rate of thirty-one miles and fifty yards an hour," said a constable to the Kingston Bench yesterday.

Mr. C. E. Brett, of Westminster Palace-gardens, who was the defendant, denied that such was the case, but the Bench imposed a fine of £10 and endorsed the licence.

## UNIQUE HONOUR FOR MR. WANAMAKER.

The committee of the Carlton Club have elected the Hon. John Wanamaker, who was Postmaster-General of the United States in President Harrison's Administration, as an honorary member during his stay in this country. This is the first time in the history of the club that such an honour has been conferred upon a foreigner.

## "DON'T WEAR WATCHES IN CLUB-ROW."

"Don't wear a watch even next time you go to Club-row," said the Worshipful-street magistrate to a country gentleman yesterday.

This remark was called forth by the fact that the gentleman addressed said he had walked down Club-row, Bethnal Green, because he was fond of birds. He was wearing a valuable gold watch and chain, with a locket set with precious stones, but had not even buttoned his coat to protect his property.

James Cole, a carman, was charged with stealing the locket and part of the chain, and was remanded.

## END OF "A CHINESE HONEYMOON."

\* Mr. Frank Curzon has at last decided to terminate the run of "A Chinese Honeymoon." The final performance will be at the Strand Theatre on the evening of Whit Monday, on which day there will be a special farewell matinee. The musical comedy will then have reached its 1,075th performance at this theatre, the first representation having taken place on October 4, 1901.

It is estimated that the profit made on the production is not far short of six figures, and is well over the profit of £24,000 made on the eighteen months' run of "The Belle of New York" at the Shaftesbury.

## TICKETS, PLEASE.

At a certain great daily newspaper office a few days ago a compositor in search of work got past the guardian of the door and was found wandering about the building, looking for the manager.

The authorities were seized with alarm. Something must be done to prevent the entrance of unauthorised persons. The danger of the "open door" was too great. So they decided to institute a pass-ticket which everyone employed by the paper is obliged to carry with him and to produce when he enters the office.

The staff nightly expected to be left as sheep without a shepherd because the editor has forgotten to bring his ticket with him!

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LATEST PORTRAIT OF OUR FUTURE KING.



Little Prince Edward of Wales and his brother, Prince Albert, photographed at York Cottage, Sandringham. Prince Edward is the taller.—(Photograph by F. Ralph.)

LAST OF THE LYCEUM.



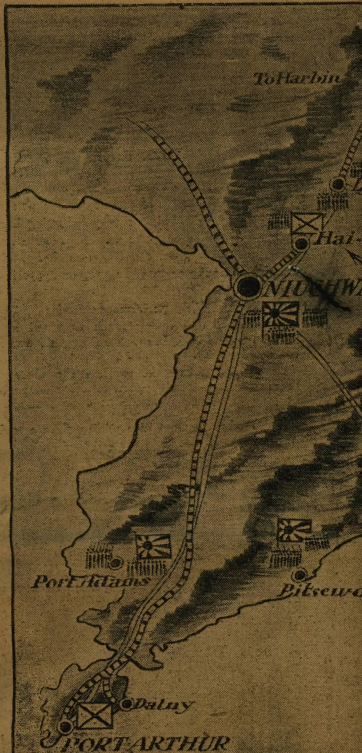
A view from the scene dock of the old Lyceum Theatre, so long associated with Sir Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry. The old Lyceum will soon be a music-hall.—(Photograph by H. J. Vinter.)

THE RACE FOR



John Amant leading in the Newmarket Stake. Amant, the Derby favourite, finished third. The last—(9)

HOW THE JAPS ARE PRESSING



Study this with the war news on page 3, and at Liao-yang from four directions at once. Time, and so to cut her

TO COMMAND THE ROYAL YACHT.



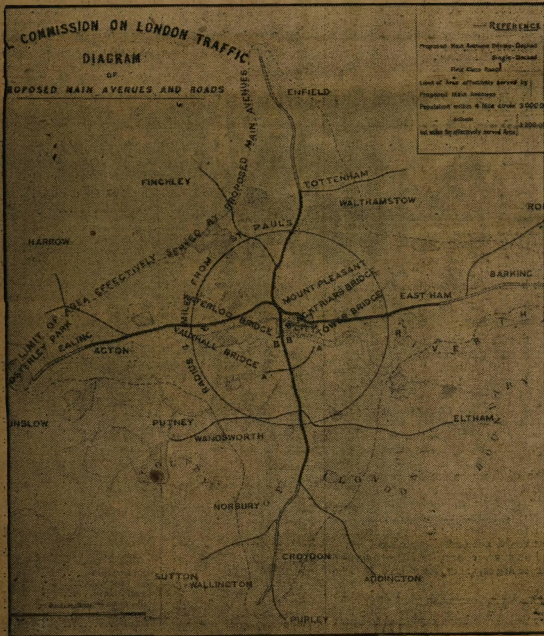
Captain the Hon. E. C. Corville, who succeeds Rear-Admiral Sir Berkeley Milne in command of the royal yacht. (Photograph by W. Barnett.)

STEAM VERSUS PETROL.



These two vehicles are both capable of the same speed, in spite of the great difference in size. The locomotive, which is known as the "Decapod," and belongs to the Great Eastern Railway Co., is by far the largest in the British Isles.

A SUGGESTED SOLUTION OF THE LONDON TRAFFIC PROBLEM BY NEW DOUBLE-DECKED ROADS AND SUSPENDED

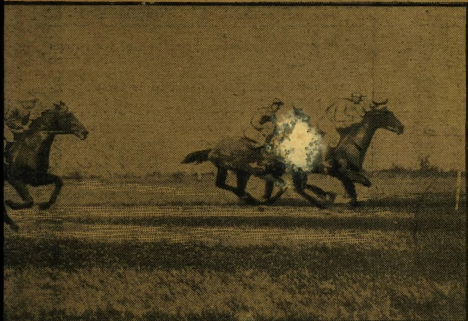


A scheme has been laid before the Royal Commission on London Traffic for the construction of these two new main avenues.



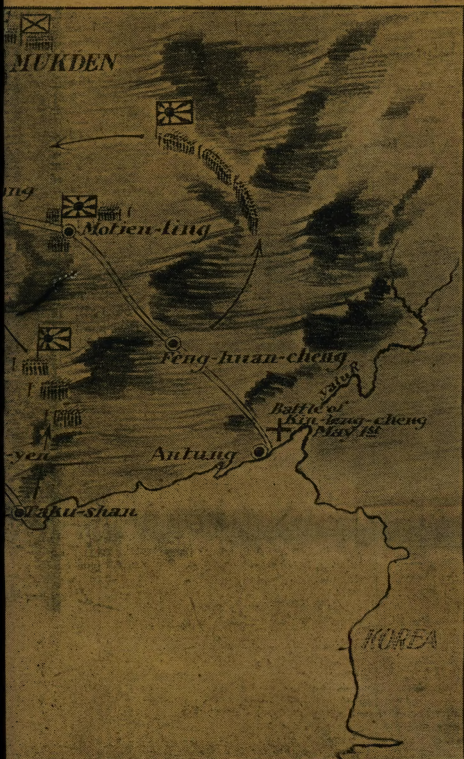
Each of the new avenues would be double-decked for about six miles from their intersection. Fast traffic on the upper structure, so avoiding busy cross streets and heavy van loading and unloading at the would have a special track, and the whole would be topped by a suspended railway.

NEWMARKET STAKES.



was beaten by a head, however, by the First, and St. who witnessed the race, saw his horse, Chatsworth, finish Mirror" photograph.)

COME ON THE RETREATING RUSSIANS.



understand how the Japanese are threatening the Russians. It is probably to surround them, if this can be managed in Mukden and Harbin, further north.

WAYS.



This is the only paper which gives all the news each day in photographs.

MR. HOOLEY'S OLD FRIENDS RALLY ROUND HIM.



Since his release on bail Mr. E. T. Hooley has returned to his sumptuous suite of rooms at the Albemarle Hotel, where he has received a constant stream of friends, calling to condole and sympathise.

"BEATING THE BOUNDS" YESTERDAY.



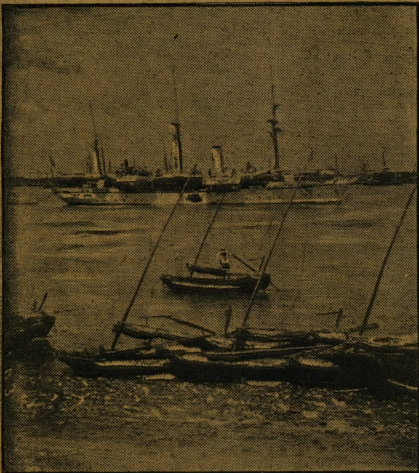
The old custom of "beating the bounds" was performed yesterday (Ascension Day) in the parish of St. Lawrence Jewry, by a procession consisting of the rector, the Rev. Stephen Barrass, the beadle, the overseers, and a number of choir boys with willow wands.—(Special "Mirror" photograph.)

THE NAMELESS PICTURE.



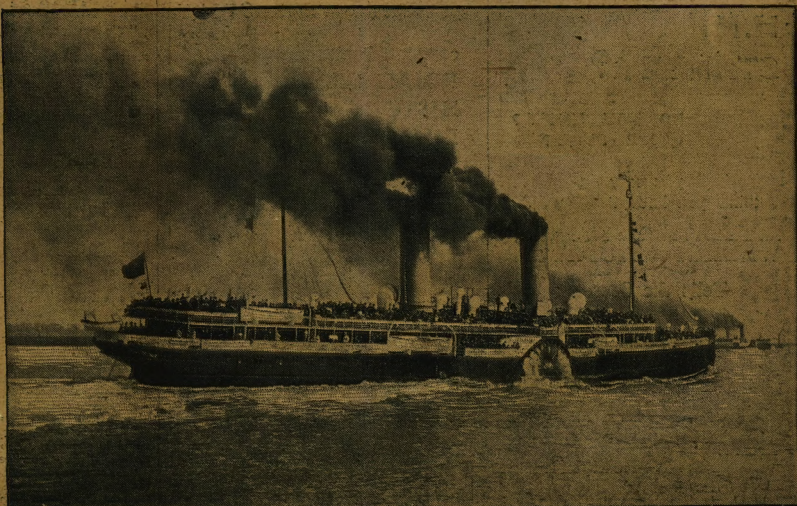
Who is this? Ask your friends, they are sure to know. A prize of one guinea will be given for the correct solution. See page 9.

RUSSIA'S ABANDONED FORTRESS.



Newchwang Harbour. Newchwang is now practically abandoned by the Russians, and only a small force remains to prevent looting. The town is to be handed over to the Chinese. The guns of the forts have been sent to Liao-yang.—(Stereograph copyright by Underwood and Underwood.)

LA MARGUERITE'S FIRST VOYAGE FROM HER NEW HOME YESTERDAY.



La Marguerite, London's favourite pleasure steamer, formerly running to Margate and Boulogne, and now transferred to Liverpool, sailed on her first voyage from that city to Llandudno yesterday.

# THE SECRET OF THE WASP WAIST.

## CHAT WITH A CORSETIERE.

STAYS THAT COST TEN GUINEAS APIECE.

Wise in her generation, a modern woman corsets herself, or rather causes Madame Dowding to corset her, so carefully that both her health and appearance benefit appreciably, and she feels a new woman merely as a result of an intelligent comprehension of the great stay question.

Such were the conclusions to which I came after a visit paid to Faraday House, 9 and 10, Charing Cross-road, and a chat with Madame Dowding, whose latest development, the "Elite" corset, will be seen illustrated on this page.

### Not a Matter of Inches.

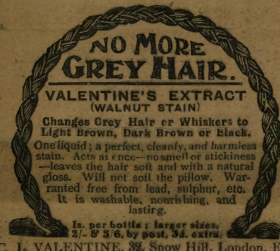
Naturally, the first question I asked was the anxious one, "How is it possible to obtain a small waist without detriment to the health?" To my surprise Madame Dowding answered that the waist measurement has not become smaller, but that what has happened is this, that the new corsets are being so constructed that the apparent size of the waist is much less than it was this time last year.

To put the matter in other words, the new corset is so built that the bend or hinge of the waist is much more definite than it was before. The straight front, however, remains so that none of the vital organs of the body are in any way injured, and special and most particular anatomical care is taken so to cut and bone the corsets made by this eminent corsetiere, that the figure is not only supported but is trained to assume its most elegant proportions.

Madame Dowding has roamed the Continent over—from Paris to Vienna and Monte Carlo—for inspiration, and her new "Elite" corset, which is the pattern above all others to choose now as the



The corset of the season of 1904, showing how the hinge or bend of the waist is accentuated, and the apparent size of the waist is diminished without injury to health.



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## WEEKLY DISPATCH.

WHO WAS H.M. STANLEY?

DO YOU KNOW? QUITE SURE?

Perhaps you only think you know?

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## WEEKLY DISPATCH.

A PENNY EVERYWHERE.

Told for the first time,

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PHOENIX PARK MURDER SECRET.

foundation of the smart toilettes of the summer months, is the result. And how more than usually important it is that a good stay should be worn now. Never have the fashions more definitely and quickly changed than they have during the last two or three months. They demand the small waist, the graceful, lithe figure, the elegant carriage and perfect deportment of the early Victorian period, and these no toilette can possibly give them that is not supported by and fitted upon a good corset.

More than discreet is the woman who, when she is portioning out her quarterly allowance and arranging her trousseau of summer gowns, sets aside a goodly sum for her corsets, for it is better to

### OUR SERIAL.

## Stage-Struck.

By SIDNEY WARWICK.

\*\*\*\*\* CHAPTER XXXIII. What Might Have Been. \*\*\*\*\*

"We mustn't incur Mrs. Benjafield's wrath by keeping dinner waiting," said Gray presently, as the church clock struck one.

So the three of them retraced their steps slowly to the farm, down the village street, where the cottage doors stood open to the morning sun. Conflicting odours of cooking proclaimed that the housewives were busy preparing the Sunday dinner, whilst outside their menfolk loitered about in little knots, looking very stiff and uncomfortable in their black Sabbath clothes, who touched their hats awkwardly as the trio passed in acknowledgment of Gray's salutations. A little restraint of shyness had come over Elsie at first, but the child soon responded to Janet's overtures, and put her hand unreservedly into her mother's as they walked back from the mill, and told her confidentially that the puppy was "a birthday present."

"Another present from Mr. Gray?" added Janet. But at that moment it appeared to strike Elsie that there was no fun in walking sedately between the grown-up persons. She broke away and scampered on ahead to where the puppy was scattering the ranks of some adventurous hens that had straggled across the roadway.

"I saw the rocking-horse; it is a beauty. I am sure Elsie must have been delighted," added Janet.

"I think she was—but she won't know whom you mean if you call me 'Mr. Gray.' I am known as 'Uncle Jack'—that is my new proud title!"

"I ought to have guessed it—Elsie is so devoted to you. You spoil her, I'm afraid," Janet smiled. "Have you been down here long?"

"I came on Friday. I decided on the spur of the moment. I was in need of a holiday, and I thought I'd like to help Elsie to spend her birthday, as I knew you couldn't get down because of your work; I like to think of little Elsie as belonging partly to me—I'm her godfather, anyway."

"I had meant to run over to see you before I started

possess one good dress and one pair of good stays that are specially fitted for their wearer than three or four mediocre costumes and corsets bought at hazard and without due attention to the requirements of each individual case.

The Elite is made in many forms, and so can be purchased at prices ranging from one guinea to six, or even ten. The fabrics of which the stay is built give the casting vote as to cost, for in every case the modelling and boning of the stay is identical, though, as has been hinted before, individual characteristics are of course taken into consideration when the purchaser presents herself to make her choice. And here be it mentioned that it is always far better if possible for the future wearer of the corset to go and have it fitted on her, so that she may secure precisely the model she requires. All the same, Madame Dowding sends her wares the wide world over from descriptions of what is required.

Of exquisite amber brocade with jewelled fastenings in front was one unique and lovely Elite stay made, the cost of which amounted to something like ten guineas, because of the gems that decorated it. It was accompanied by a brocaded petticoat to match, flounced and trimmed with exquisite lace. This is indeed a corset de luxe, but the price should not frighten those who are obliged to think of the £ s. d. of their outlay, for for 32s. 6d. a very charming and adequately lovely stay is made, and, as has been said before, one guinea purchaser a good corset.

It is wonderful that the mere matter of careful cutting and boning should so transform the figure that several inches of circumference appear to quit the waist at the will of the corsetiere. But seeing is believing. And that such a metamorphosis is not only possible, but healthy, the testimony of the doctors proves, for it is a well-ascertained fact that the majority of physicians are in favour of well-cut corsets for women, provided they are not made to "lace tight," which no one who is corseted by so talented a corsetiere as Madame Dowding need do.

## "THE LADY AND THE BURGLAR."

A GOOD STORY WELL TOLD.

THE LADY AND THE BURGLAR. A Fantastic Romance. By Edgar Turner. (Ward, Lock and Co.)

The ingenious author of "The Girl with the Feet of Clay" has called his latest story "a fantastic romance." He might have called it more boldly, more simply, and as truly, a funny novel.

We are asked to believe that three burglars, having "burgled" some priceless jewels from an actress's house some twenty miles from London, bury the "swag" for safety in a field. They are each of them subsequently caught and sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from five years upward. As each emerges from "retirement" he makes what haste he can to the field where the treasure was hidden, only to find that the neighbourhood has been transformed into a flourishing suburb in the meantime, a Nonconformist chapel having been erected on the exact burying-place of the jewels.

The efforts of the three to get into touch with that chapel supply the fun of the story. The first to arrive undergoes a sudden reformation and accepts the post of deacon; another develops sufficient musical talent to get himself appointed organist; while the third, more enterprising still, turns up after a while as nothing less than the minister himself. Mr. Turner uses his opportunities with infinite cleverness.

on Friday, to ask if I could take any messages or anything, but I was kept at the Courts until it was too late. Aren't you awfully proud of her?"

Elsie was running on ahead, with the puppy yapping noisily at her heels, the white sunbonnet that was tied by long strings under her tilted chin falling back from the head of sunny curls. His question was answered by the radiance in Janet's eyes as they followed the little flying figure in white, whose tripping outlines of lightness made her happiness seem infectious, for every person she met turned to watch the mite with a smile.

"Thank you for giving my child a happy birthday," she said softly.

"What nonsense!" John Gray laughed. "I enjoyed Elsie's birthday as much as you did, quite. We're great pals. She's the jolliest little child—and I envy you Elsie terribly! I'm alone in the world, you—don't suppose I have a living relative—so I am going to claim an uncle's privileges over Elsie. Yesterday only wanted one thing to make it complete—and that was to test the fairy's power, so glad you were able to run down to-day; that's the next best thing since you could not come yesterday."

"Tell me what you did."

"Oh, Elsie must tell you that. First of all we went before breakfast into the wood; do you know that there's a wondrous tree there? How there came to be such a thing outside Devonshire or Cornwall doesn't matter: there it is. And if you go early in the morning of your birthday and utter your dearest wish three times, the fairy of the tree hears you and your wish will be granted. So Elsie and I went there to test the fairy's power, long before you were thinking of getting up in London, I'm sure!"

"And what did Elsie ask for?"

"Ah, by all the laws of such matters, to tell breaks the spell, and the fairy won't grant it!" he cried. "But I think I may tell you this much, that, after sending someone—Elsie and I decided that she had so many things that there was really nothing that she wanted for herself, so it would be nice if she were to wish for something for someone else—someone whom she loved very dearly and who could not be down to see her that day because her work kept her in London. I am sure the fairy would be very cross if I gave away the tremendous secret any further," he cried gaily.

But Janet's smile was tremulous, and her eyes bright. She understood. Though she had forgotten Elsie's birthday, she had not been forgotten in their thoughts—Elsie's and John Gray's.

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## BETTING IN BANKS.

Bookmakers Have Secret Agents in All Big City Offices.

## RAILWAY STATION TOUTS.

"Two pounds a week extra is a consideration to a man who is earning only £80 per annum, and who has a wife and two children to support." This was the opinion of a clerk employed in the audit office of one of the great London railway termini, and his words explained why he should voluntarily run the risk of instant dismissal by acting in the general offices of the railway company referred to as a betting agent and bookmaker's tout.

"There are hundreds of clerks here," proceeded the speaker, "who take a very keen interest in horse-racing. Some only make an occasional bet, but many do their pound or thirty shillings a week, and on big days—such as the Cambridgeshire or Cesarewitch—I have taken as much as £30.

"By betting with me the men are able to 'get on' up to, and even a few minutes after, the set time of a race—in their eyes a by no means trivial concession. They simply hand their money to me along with their instructions, and at the very last moment slip down to the station platform where my principal is always waiting.

"Some of the clerks run weekly accounts. Occasional bad bets do not affect me, however, for, win or lose, I draw my couple of sovereigns regularly every Monday morning."

## Agents in Uniform.

In railway circles—both in London and the provinces—it is a matter of common knowledge that bookmakers have their accredited agents, not only in the offices, but also among the uniform staff at all the great railway stations. Liverpool-street Station (Great Eastern Railway) has for years been for many considered a veritable hot-bed of betting on races.

One of the largest insurance companies in London numbers among its clerical staff two betting tout, each the agent of rival City bookmakers. One of the men pays his agent a sovereign for every new client introduced, in addition to allowing him a commission of 10 per cent. upon all "winning business."

Bank clerks who encourage betting are, it is to be hoped, few and far between, but to the certain knowledge of the writer, a clerk who has seen many years' service in the head office of one of the largest joint stock banks in London has a private betting account with a firm of West End "Turf commission agents."

## Fels-Naptha

Every woman who has had her money returned by her grocer (110 in 2 years £1 3 6½) has received from us a bar of Fels-Naptha by mail with a letter (Go by the book); and most have answered: "I have. You are right." They went by the book.

Fels-Naptha 39 Wilson street London E.C.

## WAVE OF HYPNOTISM.

Experiments in the Occult Becoming a Popular Craze.

An extraordinary wave of hypnotism has overtaken the popular fancy. Starting in Paris with the remarkable performance of Mile. Magdalen, who executes a fantastic dance while under hypnotic influence, it has spread to London in the person of Mile. Nydia, who, hypnotised and blindfolded, plays any piece of music set before her.

A *Mirror* representative, inquiring yesterday concerning the medical side of the question learnt some facts connected with the modern use of hypnotism. "Yes," said an eminent physician, who daily uses hypnotism in his work, "hypnotism has now passed for ever beyond the stage of supposed quackery, and is generally recognised as a most potent force in the cure of certain diseases. I speak of its use entirely in regard to medicine, for there is nothing more strongly to be deprecated than its introduction for purposes of entertainment."

"It is not necessary," continued the famous doctor, "to be born with any hypnotic faculty. Most people could hypnotise, but not all are hypnotisable. I have found that the most suitable subjects are those of placid, even temperament. Soldiers and sailors accustomed to implicit obedience are easy subjects; athletes and others under physical training are not difficult. But fidgety, nervous people are frequently quite impossible subjects."

The doctor considered that ninety per cent. of people are hypnotisable to a certain extent. "Thirty per cent.," he said, "are very easily influenced; 40 per cent. easily, fifteen per cent. with difficulty, fifteen per cent. with great difficulty, and ten per cent. at all."

## NAMELESS PICTURE PUZZLE.

To-day's nameless picture will be found on page 7. It represents a well-known and popular lady. The reader who is first to correctly identify her will receive the prize of one guinea.

Replies by letter or postcard should be addressed to the Picture Puzzle Department, 2, Carnarvon-street, E.C., and must reach this office by noon to-morrow. The award will be announced in the *Mirror* on Monday.

The prize for identifying the "Who is it?" picture in Wednesday's issue, which was a portrait of Miss Gwynne Rowlands, now playing in "La Poupée" at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, has been awarded to Mr. E. E. Gordon, Hyde Park Hotel, Albert Gate, S.W.

The guinea prize for yesterday's nameless picture will be announced to-morrow.

## DRAMATIC AUTHORS IN REVOLT.

PARIS, Thursday.

Playwrights here are very much afraid of Paris theatres getting into the hands of a few managers, as the London theatres are doing.

The Dramatic Authors' Society has therefore decided that it will have nothing to do with any manager who is financially interested in more than one theatre; and the Folies Dramatiques, whose manager is supposed to be of a "combine," have accordingly withdrawn from the society's black-list.

Most of the best known dramatists belong to the society, so it exercises a good deal of power.

## BURIED WORKMAN SOOTHED BY CIGAR.

VIENNA, Thursday.

Four workmen, who were excavating the foundations of a new building yesterday, were buried by a mass of earth, and their recovery was a matter of some hours.

One of them, an Italian, begged for a cigar, which he proceeded to chew nonchalantly until he was extricated.

## £33,000,000 FOR ROADS.

Double-Decked Thoroughfares to Cure London Traffic Troubles.

A novel road for the purpose of relieving the present congestion of London traffic has been brought before the Royal Commission now sitting. The special features embodied are an overhead railway, two lines of tramways, and a motor road running under the arch which carries the overhead line.

As far as Tottenham on the north, Norbury on the south, East Ham on the east, and Acton on the west, the two main roads would be double decked, thus enabling fast traffic to be carried over busy cross streets, and giving other obvious advantages, such as allowing heavy loads to be unloaded without interfering with fast traffic.

The crossing in London would be near the junction of Oxford-street and the new London County Council thoroughfare, Kingsway.

Beyond the places mentioned as the limits of the double-decked structure, the road would be carried out into the open country as a single road. Its breadth would be more than twice that of London Bridge.

The scheme is hardly likely to take definite shape, if only for the reason that its promoters, Messrs. C. S. Meik and Walter Beer, estimate the cost at something over £33,000,000.

## NEW YORK'S BEAUTY PRIZE WINNER.

When "Miss New York" sweeps on to the Shaftesbury stage and makes her bow to London at the first performance of the "Prince of Pikes" to-morrow night, the audience will see the winner of a remarkable beauty show that took place at Daly's Theatre, New York, recently.

The prize was £400, and the judges were to have been Mr. Harry Lehr, a well-known New York society man, and Mr. John Jacob Astor. Modesty prevented these gentlemen from appearing when they learned of the publicity given the competition, and finally three prominent newspaper men were selected.

A picture of Miss Clifford will be found on page 1.

Everything of interest to Cricketers, if of past events or future, is in the remarkable penny book,

EVENING NEWS

CRICKET ANNUAL.

## BREEZY MR. SHEIL.

Some Good Stories of the Retiring London Stipendiary.

## DISLIKED MICROBES IN COURT.

"No, sir, you could not see Mr. Sheil for five minutes after the Court rises—not if you were the Mikado of Japan. Mr. Sheil has never been interviewed in his life.

"And there are two other reasons. One, that he hasn't been near this court for over three months, and for the second, he is away in the South."

Thus a chief official at the Westminster Police Court yesterday, in reply to a *Mirror* representative, who called to inquire as to Mr. Sheil's retirement.

Asked to give a few impressions of Mr. Sheil, the official said: "He was breezy, brusque, had a marked individuality, and a somewhat jerky utterance."

"He hated giving advice more than most things; in this he was rather different from some of his fellow magistrates. And, above all, he disliked the wrangling of talkative old women, who are very frequent visitors at this court."

## Disliked Spectators and Microbes.

"A great hobby of Mr. Sheil's was fresh air, and plenty of it. Windows, ventilators, all had to be kept open. You should have heard his remarks to a constable once who had hung his hat up on a ventilator. I have seen the constable coming down through the skylights on to the solicitors' table—much to their disgust. He very much disliked having the public admitted to court—merely because of microbes—and he it was who supervised the building of this new court, which only admits fifteen spectators."

Then the speaker went on to give an anecdote which has never before been published.

"One day two litigants came before Mr. Sheil—one suffering from gout, the other from rheumatism. 'Heavens!' said his worship, 'when you two come in contact it must be like a Scyllid powder.'"

Westminster Police Court evidently knows nothing of Mr. Sheil's resignation, but, seeing that Mr. Sheil is in his seventy-fifth year, and has had no fewer than three consecutive attacks of influenza, he would certainly seem to be entitled to a rest after his active life.

## BEATEN BY A BROOM-STICK.

"You cannot expect a man to sit down quietly when beaten with a broomstick," said the magistrate at the South-Western Police Court to a woman who said the prosecutor "used his fists."



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# THE KING WINS AT NEWMARKET.

Rosemark Carries Off the Breeders' Stakes in the Royal Colours.

## NOTES AND SELECTIONS BY "GREY FRIARS."

NEWMARKET, Thursday Night.

The King had the pleasure this afternoon of seeing his colours on a winner, when Rosemark scored in the Breeders' Stakes from Mr. de Rothschild's Khammurabi and Sir Ernest Cassel's Prudent King. It was much the most interesting incident in the closing stage of the meeting, and the cheering which saluted Rosemark's win bore witness to its thoroughly popular character.

Prudent King, a brown colt by that good horse Love Wisely, came with a good reputation, and in looks did credit to his breeding. He was made favourite from Mr. Musker's Fondling. The latter is by Chevening, and obviously derives his name from the dam, Cherished. At slightly longer odds than either of the pair Rosemark was well backed, the belief being general that he would improve on the form shown on his debut behind Cicero and others in the Fitzwilliam Stakes at the Craven Meeting. On that occasion Rosemark ran in the style known as green, but the colt shaped quite differently to-day, and, getting nicely away on the top ground, ran straight and smoothly, the only danger being the challenge of Khammurabi in the dip—an attempt cleverly stalled off.

### The King Delighted.

The cheering at once became loud and hearty, and first to personally congratulate the King was Sir Ernest Cassel. His Majesty immediately left the Jockey Club enclosure for the paddock, and, accompanied by Lord Marcus Beresford, saw Rosemark brought back to weigh in. The King graciously paid a compliment to the rider, Herbert Jones, and was evidently highly pleased with the win. Rosemark has several other engagements at Hurst Park, Manchester, Epsom, and Gosforth Park.

The weather, dull enough in the morning, brightened up as the afternoon waned and ended in sunshine as the King rode back after seeing Begone win the last race of the programme. Begone was not as much fancied as Palace Yard by those who ventured to speculate on an Apprentices' Handicap, but was well backed, and well ridden by a lad named Hughes overhauled the leader, Pansy Massey, in the dip and strode away the finish of the Brebby Stakes course to win by four lengths.

Maher earned chief distinction among the jockeys, as he rode no fewer than three winners, his chief success being in the Payne Stakes, which fell to the American-bred colt Sweeper, the property of the well-known Mr. J. R. Keane. Sweeper was not sold with the rest of the racing stock on the break-up of the Keane stables last season, and the colt was turned over to be trained by Blackwell. Sweeper has not the best of knees, and the colt has obviously given some trouble, but it deserves mention that this trainer scored twice each day during the meeting. Cades and Antonio divided favouritism for the Payne Stakes, while The Warrior was also well supported. He looked much fitter than on his previous outing, but failed to stay.

### Maher's Winners.

Some notable patrons of the Lagrange stable did not back Sweeper; for example, Sir James Miller put his money on Cades. The last-named, as was to be proved, got badly away under the gate, and neither ever got on terms with the leaders. Sweeper, Antonio, and The Warrior were so close together coming down the Bushes Hill that the issue was questionable. The Warrior momentarily looked most dangerous, but Sweeper proved best on the straight. Maher also scored on Extradition, who had a very easy task in the Thursday Welter to beat Astolat, Burgundy, and company. Ambrose was not backed in the style usually characteristic of the stable, and on his winning easily won the long way on the stand side. Maher's third winner was secured on Bistonian, which Lord Farquhar now put in a selling race. The old horse won easily from the Hall Mark filly, but did not elicit a bid when put up to auction. He goes back to Mr. G. Lambton's care, in whose charge he finds chief employment in being ridden by the apprentices learning the art of race-riding. Lord Farquhar personally backed Bistonian to win £300.

Easy wins were the order of the day. The Grayley stable had a plunge on Zanoni for the All-Aged Hurdle, in whose charge he was bought in for 340 guineas. St. Medoc, one of the competitors, did not behave so badly as at the last meeting, but got badly away with Remindful, and at no stage did any of the dozen runners threaten much danger to Zanoni. The Bedford Stakes cut up moderately, at only four youngsters reported silk, and of these Brilliance, although reported to be suffering from sore shins, had the race all her own way.

Good sport may be expected to-morrow at Gatwick, and at Hurst Park. At the latter place Irish Bride, Norman Bride, and North Deighton should win their respective engagements.

### SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

- 1.50.—Ashdown Selling Handicap—RONALDINA Filly.
- 2.25.—Mart Plate—ECONOMICAL.
- 2.55.—Alexander Handicap—KILTEEL.
- 3.30.—Mayblossom Handicap—HIS GRACE.
- 4.0.—Worth Stakes—LEANDRO.
- 4.30.—Champion Plate—LAPSAUNG.

### SPECIAL SELECTION.

KILTEEL.

### THE TWO BEST THINGS.

In anticipation of the Gatwick Meeting the Squire wired as follows last evening:—"After three exciting and interesting days at headquarters the scene shifts to the pretty course at Gatwick. To-morrow I shall expect to see the following go close. They may be backed as a double or as single investments:

- 2.55.—Alexander Handicap—KILTEEL.
- 4.30.—Champion Plate—D'ORSAY.

### RACING RETURNS.

#### NEWMARKET.—THURSDAY.

12.45.—ALL-AGED SELLING RACE of 100 svs; winner to be 200 for 200 svs. Rosemark (74 3/4) won by a length; a length and a half separated the second and third. The winner was bought in for 340 guineas.

1.15.—THURSDAY WELTER HANDICAP of 200 svs. D.M. one mile.

Mr. A. L. Duncan's EXTRADITION, by Princes—Palmer, 3yrs, 8st 11lb, 1st.

Mr. J. Hammond's ASTOLAT, 3yrs, 7st 7lb, 2nd.

Duke of Devonshire's BURGUNDY, 3yrs, 8st 6lb, 3rd.

Mr. T. P. King's Ambrose, 3yrs, 8st, 4th.

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Mr. J. R. Keane's Sweeper, 3yrs, 8st 11lb, 12th.

Mr. J. R. Keane's Antonio, 3yrs, 8st 11lb, 13th.

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